

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on January 20, 1999 at 3 P.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: Rep. John Cobb (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. A Sony BI-85 recorder was used therefore, references are measured in inches rather than minutes.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing Posted: HB 133, 1/15/1999

HEARING ON HB 133

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Rosalie "Rosie" Buzzas, introduced HB 133.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Nancy Keenan, State Superintendent of Schools **EXHIBIT**(aph15a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 106 - 273; Comments :

Exhibit 1 has 20 pages, Ms.Keenan referred to pages 2 & 20 with visual charts during the meeting.}

Dick Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 273 - 352}

Wayne Buchanan, Board of Public Education

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 352 - 399}

Kate Stezner, Superintendent of Schools, Butte **EXHIBIT**(aph15a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 399 - Side: B;

Approximate Time Counter: 014; Comments : Exhibit 2 consists of three pages.}

Rep. Emily Swanson, HD 30

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14 - 35}

Sen. Steve Doherty, SD 24

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 35 - 58}

Rep. Steve Gallus, HD 35

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 58 - 65}

Sara Garcia, Bozeman, CAPS

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 65 - 96}

Michael Kupilik, Missoula School Board Association, (MSBA)

Missoula County Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT(aph15a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 96 - 154}

Lance Melton, MSBA

EXHIBIT(aph15a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 154 - 187}

John McNeil, Montana Rural Education Association**EXHIBIT**(aph15a05)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 154 - 240}

Julie Geddes, Morningstar School, Bozeman
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 240 - 305}

Doug Walsh, Ennis Schools
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 305 - 337}

Larry Blades, Dillon Schools **EXHIBIT**(aph15a06)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 337 - 409}

Meredith Wiltsie, Bozeman Parent
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 409 - Tape: 2; Side:
A; Approx. Time Counter: 001}

Larry Riggs, Sidney Schools **EXHIBIT**(aph15a07)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1 - 80}

Chris Hagar, Superintendent, Arlee Schools **EXHIBIT**(aph15a08)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 80 - 158}

Christine Adams, Student, Arlee High School
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 158 - 171}

Male Student -- could not hear name, Arlee High School
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 171 - 191}

Ramona Stout, Superintendent, Manhattan Schools **EXHIBIT**(aph15a09)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 191 - 225; Comments :
Exhibit 9 consists of 6 pages.}

Joyce Decker Wegner, Superintendent, Lake County **EXHIBIT**(aph15a10)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 225 - 309}

Jay Erdie, Superintendent, Roundup Schools **EXHIBIT**(aph15a11)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 309 - 368; Comments :
Exhibit 11 consists of 5 pages.}

Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association, Montana Federation of
Teachers **EXHIBIT**(aph15a12)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 368 - Side B:
Approximate Time Counter: 000; Comments : Exhibit 12 is a 27-page
booklet.}

Terry Beaver, Helena High School
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 29}

Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Schools
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 29 - 69}

Chris Hagar, Arlee Schools

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 69 - 104; Comments :
Additional Testimony by this witness}*

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 104 - Tape: 3; Side
B; Approx. Time Counter: 106}*

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Buzzas closed.

EXHIBIT(aph15a13)

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 106 - 107; Comments :
Exhibit 13 was submitted following the close of the meeting.}*

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:45 P.M.

REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT(aph15aad)